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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Developments on Senate Bill "Intelligence Oversight Act of 1976"

From yesterday's meeting of Agency and executive branch representatives with Church Committee staff representatives, several follow-on actions are in order:

a. The Senate staffers agreed to consider the removal of the word "oversight" in the title of the bill and elsewhere.

b. The Senate staffers agreed to substitute the word "shall" for the word "may" in the second line of section 8(b).

c. All agreed that sections 4 through 12 and 16 should become a Senate resolution rather than an act.

d. The Senate staffers agreed to accept modification of section 14 to aggregate as distinguished from itemizing the amounts. Mr. Colby continues to vigorously oppose this, but it is thought we must be ready with adequate language.

e. Section 11 is to be modified to raise the level of disagreement between the two branches of the Government so that it will be the Senate, rather than the Committee, which refers to the President a proposal to release information. Also, section 11 is to be modified so that the Committee's disagreement will be conveyed not to the President but to the official from whom the information was received. [REDACTED] handwritten comments in the 12/30 draft may be picked up in this rewrite.

f. Section 15(a) should be rewritten to permit an audit by the Committee in addition to or instead of an audit by the Attorney General.

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Section 15(b) would apply as to either. The Senate staffers were receptive to the section 15(b) concept and took with them the proposed language for further study.

g. The Senate staffers essentially accepted our changes in section 17.

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